

WHAT IS A “GREEN BUILDING”?



Harris Center for Conservation Education

www.nhsea.org: The New Hampshire Sustainable Energy lists green buildings you can visit in the Monadnock Region, a Consumers Directory and green building workshops.

www.buildinggreen.com: Provides accurate, unbiased, and timely information designed to help building-industry professionals including materials such as paints, carpeting and lumber alternatives to minimize ecological impact and maximize economic performance.”

<http://www.thejordaninstitute.org>: The Jordan Institute is a science-based, non-advocacy, non-profit organization that was conceived to improve New Hampshire’s environment quality of life and green building alternatives for health care organizations.

<http://www.homeenergy.org>: *Home Energy* magazine provides practical information on residential energy efficiency, performance, systems engineering, comfort, and affordability.

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/greenbuilder>: Austin Energy's Green Building Program has information to help you design and build with health, energy-efficiency and the environment in mind. See their PDF download “Seven Steps to Green Building.”

For those of us who would prefer a book: GREEN BUILDING PRODUCTS, THE GREENSPEC GUIDE TO RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MATERIALS (NEW SOCIETY PUBLISHERS) ISBN 0-86571-543-2 COST: \$34.95



A solar photovoltaic (PV) array installed on the south-facing roof of a New Hampshire building.

HOW CAN I FIND ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES AND LIGHTING OPTIONS?

www.energystar.gov: ENERGY STAR is a government-backed program helping businesses and individuals protect the environment through superior energy efficiency. Their site includes a database of energy efficient products, energy savings calculators, and a vendor locator.



www.rmi.org: The Rocky Mountain Institute has Home Energy Briefs—a series of nine practical guides describing what the average homeowner can do to save energy.

<http://www.psnh.com/Residential/ReduceBill/quicktips.asp>: PSNH has information on reducing your energy bill and funds for energy efficiency and weatherization projects.

www.nh.gov/oep/index.htm: The New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning provides information, data and guidance pertaining to development, land protection, energy use and community planning.

HOW ABOUT RENEWABLE ENERGY OPTIONS?

www.renewableenergyaccess.com: This is the single most recognized and trusted source for Renewable Energy News and Information.

www.biodiesel.org: A good starting point to understanding biodiesel and bioheat as well as links to the most frequently requested information.

<http://www.pelletheat.org/2/index/index.html>: The Pellet Fuels Institute provides information about the convenience and practicality of using wood pellet fuel in both residential and commercial applications.



www.homepower.com: Homepower Magazine provides comprehensive coverage of solar, wind, and micro-hydro electricity, home energy efficiency, solar hot water systems, space heating and cooling, green building materials and home design, and efficient transportation, as well as extensive product information, homeowner testimonials, buyer advice, and "how-to" instructions."

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I CONSIDER?

The Town of Peterborough has a tax assessment credit available for any active solar installation. Contact the Assessor's office at 924-8000.

www.eco-labels.org: The Consumer Union (Consumer's Report) publishes this site to provide information on a wide range of eco-labeled products.

www.greenpages.org: Co-op America publishes the National Green Pages, a comprehensive listing of socially and environmentally responsible businesses.

www.climatebiz.com: Information available about how to reduce your impact on global warming and how to purchase green tags to support renewable energy options.



This brochure is offered as an educational resource by the Town of Peterborough's Energy Advisory Group, a volunteer group of people committed to a better way of building. Copies are available at the Office of Community Development, the Library, and on the Town's website at www.townofpeterborough.com.

"A BETTER WAY TO BUILD"



Do you want to save money on your future heating and electricity bills?

Are you interested in constructing a high quality home or business building that is environmentally friendly and healthier inside?

Inside you will find Internet web links with information on cost-saving energy-efficient approaches to building construction, heating and cooling systems, and household appliances.